

Michael F. Easley
Governor



State of North Carolina
Office of the Governor

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**
Date: April 17, 2003

Contact: Cari Boyce
Phone: 919/733-5612

STATEMENT BY GOV. EASLEY REGARDING FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BUDGET

"I am pleased that the House passed a budget on schedule with the basic structure that I proposed. I am encouraged by the spirit of cooperation demonstrated by Speaker Black and Speaker Morgan and both parties. We will continue to work with the legislature to ensure that our critical investments in education are protected."

###